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1. Center for Justice and International Law

(Special; 1996)

Part I - Introduction:

CEJIL's principal objective is to achieve the full implementation of international human rights norms in the member states of the Organization of American States through the use of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights and other international protection mechanisms. CEJIL's mandate is fulfilled through work in three program areas: the Legal Defense Program, the Training and Dissemination Program, and the Campaign to Strengthen the Inter-American System.

I. CONTRIBUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION TO THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS

i) Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings.

2004

15 June 2004: CEJIL sent a document to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child on the status of Brazil's compliance with its obligations on juvenile justice as signatory of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

15 May 2004: CEJIL published the book "Tortura no Brasil: Implementação das Recomendações do Relator da ONU" together with the Association for the Prevention of Torture.

2005

15 April 2005: CEJIL co-organized a workshop in Costa Rica with the International Organization for Migration, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNCHR) and the Costa Rican Office for Migrations.

26 August 2005: In partnership with Defense for Children International in Latin America, CEJIL co-organized a seminar in Costa Rica on compliance with the International Convention on Children's Rights. The Vice-president for the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child participated in the event.

13-29 July 2005: CEJIL provided information and logistical support for the visit of the Committee on the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment to the states of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

5 December 2005: CEJIL and other civil society organizations met with the United Nations Secretary General's Special Representative for Human Rights Defenders regarding the situation of human rights defenders in Brazil that are under death threats.

2006

10 May 2006: CEJIL met with the UNHCR representative in Guatemala. We agreed to provide information on the overall Guatemalan situation of human rights for the representative to submit recommendations to the government.

13 June 2006: CEJIL visited Panama to coordinate a meeting between the country's Rapporteur before the Inter American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and representatives from the UNHCR.

1 July 2006: CEJIL participated as part of the Non-Governmental Organizations Advisory Panel for the UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence against Children.

2007

13 February 2007: Follow up meeting with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Mexico City to coordinate actions and workshops.

24 September 2007: CEJIL was invited to participate in an experts' workshop organized by the OHCHR on how to improve the protection of women from torture in Geneva, Switzerland.

25 September 2007: CEJIL also met with the OHCHR in Guatemala to gather information on the work of the International Commission against Impunity and to coordinate efforts on cases of human rights violations.

9 November 2007: During the visit of United Nations Special Rapporteur on Summary, Extrajudicial and Arbitrary Executions to the Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro; CEJIL presented a document with observations on this topic derived from cases in the Inter American System.

1 December 2007: CEJIL participated in the expert's meeting on the arbitrary deprivation of nationality, convened by the United Nations Independent Expert on Minorities in Geneva at the United Nations Peace Palace.

3 December 2007: Follow up meeting with the OHCHR in Mexico City to advocate on the topics of torture and the eradication of military jurisdiction in cases of human rights violations.

14 December 2007: CEJIL sent a letter to the United Nations Secretary General's Special Representative for Human Rights Defenders expressing concern over the excessive use of legal sanctions on civil society organizations as a form of intimidation in the specific case of the organization Grupo Tortura Nunca Mais.

ii) Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters

- Financial assistance from United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 (P. 280) to litigate cases of torture in the Americas
- Financial assistance from United Nations Development Fund for Women in 2006 for our capacity building work in the Southern Cone on the Convention of Belem do Para.

iii) Initiatives undertaken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

CEJIL contributed to the MDGs in the following geographical regions: North America, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. CEJIL uses strategic litigation of emblematic cases in the Inter American System to ensure redress for victims and to contribute to broader structural change. Major actions undertaken were the following:

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women

- Number of cases related to women and women's rights: 29
- Number of training sessions on women's rights or for women's human rights defenders: 8
- Number of publications on women's rights: 4
- Number of hearings on women's rights: 5
- Number of events in which CEJIL participated related to women's rights and gender issues: 9
- Legislation changes:
    - Brazil passed its first law against domestic and family violence in September 2006 as an outcome of the case of *Maria da Penha v. Brazil*. This was the first case ever brought before the Inter-American System for which the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women (IACHR), or "Convention of Belém do Para," was invoked.
    - In March 2007, the Government of Chile made the commitment before the IACHR to strike down legislation discriminatory against women as part of a friendly settlement in the case of *Sonia Arce Esparza v. Chile*, presented before the Commission in 2001 by CEJIL and *Corporación Humanas*.

Goal 5: Improve maternal health

Target 6: Reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio

- In October 2005 information about the right and access to health services for women in the region was presented to the IACHR by CEJIL, Human Rights Watch, the Center for Reproductive Rights, *Grupo de Información en Reproducción Elegida* and *Vivo Positivo.* During the hearing the petitioners expressed their concern for the difficulties faced by women in Latin America who seek to exercise the right to a voluntary and safe pregnancy.

- In October 2007, CEJIL spoke about maternal mortality in the Americas in a hearing on reproductive rights before the IACHR. Human Rights Watch and the Center for Reproductive Rights focused on therapeutic abortion and sexual abuse in schools.

- During 2004-2007, CEJIL has continued to negotiate compliance with the terms of a friendly settlement agreement with Peru in the case *Mamerita Mestanza v. Peru*, one among a large number of cases of women affected by a massive, compulsory, and systematic government policy of forced sterilization as a means for rapidly altering the reproductive behavior of poor, Indian, rural women.

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

Target 7: Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS

- Cases on and protective measures for people with AIDS: 4

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

Target 9: Integrate the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs; reverse loss of environmental resources

- Cases related to environmental sustainability and environmental activists: 5

Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development

Target 14: Address the special needs of Landlocked Countries and Small Island Developing States

- Cases in Bolivia: 3
    - Issues: Women's rights, illegal detentions.

- Cases in the Dominican Republic: 4
    - Issues: Forced disappearance, discrimination of Haitians and Dominicans of Haitian Descent.
- Cases in Paraguay: 9
    - Issues: Child soldiers, street children, youth prison facilities, indigenous peoples rights, freedom of expression.

2. Institute for Interreligious Dialogue

(Special; 2004)

Part I. Introduction

The Institute for Interreligious Dialogue (IID), is a non-governmental organization founded in 2000. Acknowledging the importance of religion in the changes occurring in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the world, IID tries to promote a culture of respect for religions and considers dialogue as a suitable approach against violence. The goals that are pursued are:

- Paying attention to religious freedoms in the Islamic Republic of Iran
- Discovering the commonalities and the common harms between/to religions to facilitate religious coexistence
- Including religious minorities, women and the youth in decision making processes
- Combating violence through peace and dialogue
- Cooperation in building the future based on common grounds in religion
- Reinforcement of the main duties of religion to save human honor
- Raise awareness of Iranians through unbiased news communication about different religions

To realize objectives, IID has taken several steps such as:

- Cooperating with scholars of religious minorities who are also members of the academic board of the institute. (Although religious minorities are less than 1% in the Islamic Republic of Iran, IID celebrates occasions of different religions)
- Holding symposiums in order to discuss the status of religions in today's world

- Participating in international conferences on religion and dialogue among religions
- Cooperating with international institutions
- Planning and executing research projects in the field of interfaith dialogue
- Publishing a specialized magazine, *Religious News*
- Offering consultation, library and audio-visual services to religion enthusiasts
- Organizing academic-educational trips to acquaint researchers with different religions
- Cooperating and holding joint projects with non-governmental organizations in consultative status with Economic and Social Council

Part II. Contribution of the Organization to the Work of the United Nations

i) Participation in United Nations & Economic and Social Council Conferences

- 51st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 26 February 2007 to 9 March 2007, New York, United Nations Headquarter. Elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child including HIV was one of the matters brought to the attention of Economic and Social Council. Since then IID made a decision to hold a conference with the main topic on " Women " and discuss about Women's Problems like gender equality, their rights in society & HIV which finally this conference took place in Tehran at IID place on 25 November-28 November 2007.

- The 1st Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council on "Strengthening Efforts to Eradicate Poverty and Hunger, including through the Global Partnership for Development," an informal preparatory meeting, United Nations Headquarters New York, 2 April 2007.

- "Eradicating Poverty and Hunger: Joining Forces to Make it Happen", 2 April 2007, Economic and Social Council Chamber, United Nations Headquarters, New York. The event was chaired by Mr. Dalius Cekuolis, Ambassador and permanent representative of Lithuania to the United Nations and President of Economic and Social Council and the opening statement by Mrs. Asha-Rose Migiro, Deputy Secretary of the United Nations, began by describing public service and she also emphasized on Economic policies- including employment rates of the youth and of working people, initiatives for global empowerment / partnership instillation of free trade that is not limited by the government alone. IID, by organizing a meeting with the theme of role of religion in eradication of poverty, tried to encourage people to join in global activities for elimination of poverty and developing the welfare of all people around the globe.

- The High-Level Dialogue of the General Assembly on Interreligious and Intercultural Understanding and Cooperation for Peace, 4 October 2007 to 5 October 2007, United Nations Headquarters, New York. Synopsis: This meeting directly related to our organization and its goals. Our organization learned that many countries are aiming for the same religious freedom and understanding. Through the speeches given by Vice Presidents and such, for example, Vice President Manuel de Castro of Philippines, our organization learned that many countries are aiming for the same religious freedom and understanding. The main goals included: institutionalizing interfaith in the United Nations, that member states should have freedom of religion, and developing a common plan of action and plan for indigenous people. These goals are also invested within our organization.

- World Economic Forum on the Middle East, Dead Sea, Jordan, 18-20 May 2007. President of IID attended and he was an active panelist on the Council of 100 meeting: West-Islamic World Dialogue. During this meeting, it was examined whether religious leaders and communities can identify a global issue, such as water or shelter, and take leadership in achieving cooperation to address it.

ii) Cooperation with United Nations Bodies and/or Specialized Agencies in the Field and/or at Headquarters.

Active participation in a joint project between Global Network of Religions for Children and United Nations International Children's Fund named "Children in World Religion" with the aim of researching and documenting resources on approaches and practices in religions vis-à-vis the children and the youth. Dr. Hossein Sajjadi, IID's delegate, presented research of the theme, "Children and Their Rights from the Perspective of Holy Koran and Islamic Leaders." The project took one year from January 2007 to 28 February 2008. The first meeting was held in Tokyo/Japan 1 January 2007, second meeting was held in Florence/Italy from 15 October to 18 October 2007, and the third meeting was held in Marrakech/Morocco from 25 February to 28 February 2008. Synopses: The project tried to harness the resources and outreach of religious communities in support of children and to empower religious leaders, practitioners and young people to better effect change for children and young people.

iii) Initiatives Undertaken by the Organization in Support of Internationally Agreed Development Goals, in particular, the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women

IID and World council of Churches (WCC), in consultative status with Economic and Social Council, agreed to organize a three year joint conference on "Women as Peacemakers Through Religion." The first conference was held in Tehran, 25 November -28 November 2007. Twenty women from around the world gathered together to discuss about the role of women on specific issues which are important for a society of women and men in building a more peaceful world, such as education, equality between women and men, and recognizing the obstacles and difficulties women are facing in society like ignorance, self-centeredness, abuse of religion, etc. During the conference, HIV was studied and

two women who were infected by HIV were invited and talked about their problems in society and about preventing HIV, which is a United Nations Millennium Developments Goal. The second workshop is going to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, 4 September 2008 to 7 September 2008, Based on information gleaned at the conferences, creative material will be produced such as a book, a CD, etc, which can be used as effective tools in society.

Activities in Support of Global Principles

In support of International Day of Peace and "Global Week of Interfaith Dialogue," IID has organized two national conferences during the report period:

1. Conference on "Common Values" on 21 September 2006 at IID headquarters, Tehran
2. Conference on "Responses of Religion to Violence" at IID headquarters on 21 September 2005 Tehran.

All these conferences were web cast globally via Global Family of Love and Peace Foundation Network. Synopsis: in attempting to promote the contribution of religions to the culture of peace, IID led people to understand the world's cultural and religious diversity. Through these conferences, IID created a space for people with different religious traditions to talk about peace and how they can contribute to world peace, which is a United Nations goal.

Initiatives Undertaken by IID in Support of Resolution Adopted by the General Assembly

55/2. United Nations Millennium Declaration, Article: I. Values and Principles, No 6: Tolerance

United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/61/221

"Promotion of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue: Understanding and Cooperation for Peace," which encouraged undertaking of initiatives to promote understanding, tolerance and respect for diversity of religion, belief, culture and language. In cooperation with the Evangelical Church of Germany, in consultative status with Economic and Social Council, and Church of England, IID held three joint seminars on the topic: "Building Communities through Dialogue." The first joint seminar between above mentioned organizations took place at Church of England, London, 17 October 2005 through 19 October, with a sub-theme of "Relations Between Religious Majorities and Minorities." The second seminar followed in Tehran, 19-21 January 2006, at IID headquarters, and the third seminar was held at the Evangelical Church in Germany, Berlin/Germany 21 May 2006 through May 24 2006 with a sub-theme of "Religions and Violence." The main achievements included

- Comparing and contrasting different models of interreligious dialogue in three countries and evaluating how such models impact at a local level with a view to developing models for developing and deepening interreligious dialogue
- Identifying factors that facilitate interreligious dialogue to see how they are neglected by participants in different contexts

- Analyzing how the practicalities of interreligious dialogue impact and challenge theoretical understandings and models of interreligious dialogue

3. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice

(Special; 2004)

PART I. Introduction

i) The aims and purposes of the organization and it main course of action:

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice (IPJ) is committed to fostering peace, cultivating justice, and creating a safer world. It was established in 2000 to work to improve the lives of those caught in the web of armed conflict and human rights abuses. The fundamental philosophy of the IPJ is that sustainable peace is possible only through the observance of human rights, the inclusion of civil society, and the incorporation of justice in peace building processes. In collaboration with local partners around the world, the IPJ works to build peace with justice. The IPJ offers workshops, dialogue processes, and provides venues for advancement of peacemaking techniques and understanding of roots and consequences of conflict. The IPJ participates in and learns from activities of the United Nations.

PART II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

i) Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nations meetings:

a) IPJ delegations participated in United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) conferences from 2004-2007 at the United Nations Headquarters (New York, United States of America), presented a parallel event in 2007, and reported back on the conferences at celebrations of International Women's Day (San Diego, United States of America) (see Part II, ii, a)

1) 2004: Representatives attended the 48th session of the CSW, "Women's Equal Participation in Conflict Prevention, Management, and Conflict Resolution and in Post Conflict Peacebuilding," 1-5 March; 2) 2005: Representatives attended the 49th session of the CSW, "Review and Appraisal of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Outcome Document of the Twenty-Third Special Session of the General Assembly," 28 February to 4 March; 3) 2006: Representatives attended the 50th session of the CSW, "Enhanced Participation of Women in Development," 27 February to 3 March; 4) 2007: Representatives attended the 51st session of the CSW, "The Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination and Violence Against the Girl Child," 26 February - 2 March, and co-presented with the United Nations Association of San Diego the parallel NGO session, "No Excuses: Defending Women's and Children's Rights in Times of Terror."

b) The IPJ sent delegations to the annual United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization (DPI/NGO) conferences in 2004, 2005, 2007 at the United Nations Headquarters (New York, United States).

2004: Representatives attended the 57th DPI/NGO Conference, "Millennium Development Goals: Civil Society Takes Action," 8-10 September 2004; 2005: Representatives attended the 58th DPI/NGO Conference, "Our Challenge: Voices for Peace, Partnerships and Renewal," 7-9 September 2005. Representatives reported back on the conference on 21 September 2005 (San Diego, United States of America); 2007: Representatives attended the 60th DPI/NGO Conference, "Climate Change: How it Impacts Us All," 5-7 September 2007. IPJ delegates gave a report back at the University of San Diego on 4 October 2007 (San Diego, United States).

ii) Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or at Headquarters:

a) In partnership with United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the IPJ convenes biennial Women PeaceMaker Conferences (San Diego, United States) and publishes extensive final reports: "Promoting Women's Equal Participation in Peace & Security Processes: Operationalizing United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325," 18-20 November 2004; "Who's Making Policy? What Difference Does it Make?" 18-20 October 2006.

b) The IPJ Nepal Project has also collaborated with the United Nations in the institute's efforts to build the capacity of individuals and groups in Nepal to promote democracy, peace, and justice. Most recently, the IPJ convened a one-day participatory workshop, "Reconnecting, Rethinking and Mobilizing for Sustainable Peace: Where We Are, What We Need," in which a gender consultant for the United Nations in Nepal was a co-facilitator in a participatory workshop for Nepali women leaders in Kathmandu, 5 December 2007.

iii) Other Activities Undertaken by the Organization:

a) An integral component of the IPJ mission is to educate for social and political change through public awareness and outreach. 1) Since 2005, the IPJ has partnered with the United Nations Association, a non-governmental organization in San Diego to convene annual events to report back on the CSW and commemorate International Women's Day (San Diego, United States): "Women Together Change the World for a Just Society," 8 March 2005; "Global Dispatches: Women Moving Forward - and to the Top," 8 March 2006; "Global Dispatches: Ending Violence and Discrimination Against the Girl Child," 8 March 2007. 2) To commemorate other United Nations Special Days, the IPJ organized the "United Nations International Day of Peace Celebration" on 21 September 2007 (San Diego, United States) and an event in honor of United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture on 26 June 2004 (San Diego, United States).

b) The Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture Series, a forum for high-level national and international leaders to address a local audience in San Diego, United States, has had representatives from the United Nations. Speakers have included: Noeleen Heyzer, former executive director of the United

Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), 17 November 2004; Mary Robinson, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, 31 March 2005; Lloyd Axworthy, contributor to the Ottawa Convention and the Protocol on Child Soldiers, 10 February 2005; Alma Viviana Perez, former secretary of the Mission of Colombia to the United Nations, 18 October 2006; and Lieutenant General Joseph Olorungbon Owonibi, former force commander of the United Nations Mission in Liberia, 23 October 2007.

iv) Initiatives undertaken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals:

Without engaging directly in United Nations development projects, IPJ's programs reflect the vision and mutual efforts to achieve many of these global principles in the new millennium.

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women. A core strength of the IPJ's work is cross-cutting attention to gender as a level of analysis and action. Throughout the reporting period the annual Women PeaceMakers Program continued to recognize women locally involved in human rights and documented their peace building efforts that could have positive impacts on the millennium goals. Twenty women – from Afghanistan, Cambodia, Cameroon, Georgia (region of South Ossetia), Guatemala, Indonesia, Israel, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Uganda, and Zimbabwe – have had their stories documented. As of June 2008, eleven of these stories would be available online, with others to be posted as completed. Two documentary films chronicling the peacemakers' stories have been completed – one of which would be shown in the United Nations during the 2008 CSW meetings with the support of UNIFEM – with three others still in production. Two of these documentary films are being translated and used in conflict areas like Nepal and Iraq, and post-conflict areas like Guatemala. The intent is to educate about women's rights and women's role in peacebuilding. The IPJ Nepal Project series "Women, Politics and Peace" brings together women leaders in diverse fields to enhance joint initiatives for peace with justice.

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability. In 2007, two IPJ programs focused on the environment and global climate change. Program Officers representing the IPJ's international youth program, WorldLink, and the Joan B. Kroc Distinguished Lecture Series, attended the 2007 United Nations DPI/NGO Conference, "Climate Change: How It Impacts Us All" (New York, United States), 5-7 September 2007, in preparation for major events in their respective programs. These events included WorldLink's Youth Town Meeting, "Untying Global Knots: Corruption, Global Warming, Media Bias and Poverty/Health" which was scheduled to host over 700 high school students from southern California, Mexico, and the Republic of Korea in January 2008 and lectures in the Distinguished Lecture Series on the theme of the intersection of the environment and human rights. The first of these lectures "The Dynamics of Human Rights and the Environment was delivered by Kenneth Roth of Human Rights Watch, 20 September 2007.

4. Match International Centre

(Special; 1996)

PART I. Introduction

i. The aims and purposes of the organization:

Match International Centre (MATCH) is a Canadian women's international organization guided by a feminist vision of sustainable development which recognizes the diverse realities of women and respects their efforts for self-determination.

To fulfill its mission, MATCH works in partnership with groups in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and South America towards the empowerment of women and the practical enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms through civil, political, economic, social and cultural justice. MATCH International Centre supports projects that are identified, designed and implemented by women in their local communities that contribute to their social, economic and political advancement and to their personal security, health and well being.

MATCH also undertakes public education in Canada on human development and women's issues; and works to build and strengthen the women's movement in Canada and around the world.

PART II. Contribution of Match International Centre to the work of the United Nations

i) Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and/or major conferences and other United Nation's meetings.

- The forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held on 1-12 March 2004 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The MATCH International Centre Executive Director and a board member attended and lobbied for women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace-building. MATCH participants attended parallel meetings and meetings and workshops.

- The forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held on from 28 February to 11 March 2005 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The MATCH International Executive Director attended and participated in the appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and lobbied for strong recommendations regarding future implementation. MATCH International delegates attended side meetings and helped organize meetings of the Canadian NGO Community in attendance.

- The fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held on 27 February - 10 March 2006 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. MATCH Executive Director and Program Officer for Africa and a Board Member attended and helped work towards recommendations to achieve equal participation of women and men in decision-making

processes at all levels. MATCH delegates helped organize meetings of other Canadian NGO's in attendance and contributed to several committees set up to lobby for strong language in outcome documents.

- The fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of women (CSW) held on 26 February-9 March 2007 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. MATCH Board member attended and lobbied for good resolutions regarding the girl child.

ii) Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field and/or Headquarters:

MATCH International regularly disseminates information emanating from United Nation agencies, particularly from United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), to MATCH supporters and donors. MATCH International actively participates in campaigns organized by UNIFEM.

iii) Initiatives undertaken by MATCH International in support of internationally agreed development goals, in particular the Millennium Development Goals:

Match International programming is entirely focused on the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations. MATCH funds 22 projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean aimed at promoting gender equality and empowering women. These projects work on enhancing women's role in development, the eradication of poverty and of violence against women and on emerging problems such as HIV/AIDS amongst women. Activities include: poverty alleviation through education, literacy, occupational training and revolving loan funds; health enhancement through the provision of services geared to reducing the incidence of HIV AIDS and to improving maternal health and reducing child mortality; reduction of violence against women through public education and provision of services and shelter; women's empowerment through gender sensitization and training in leadership and advocacy skills.

MATCH International also conducts pubic education in Canada regarding women and development issues and women's human rights and is an active member of the women's movement locally and globally.

iv) Activities in support of Global Principles:

MATCH International observes International Women's Day each year on 7 March as well as the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign in November December of each year. MATCH networks and website is used to enhance participation in these important events and campaigns.

If your organization has not participated as fully as might be expected in the work of the Economic and Social Council:

MATCH International has participated actively in the work of the Economic and Social Council to the extent that our budgets allow. We would do more with increased budgets but MATCH's first priority is providing practical support to women in the Global South to carry out work that they themselves identify as necessary. In the end MATCH's support of women's work advances goals of the Economic and Social Council.

5. NGO Health Committee

(Special; 2004)

Part I. Introduction: Aims and Purposes

The purpose of the NGO Health Committee is to promote worldwide cooperation on issues of health in keeping with United Nations principles and concerns.

a. Provide a forum for the exchange of information on global health concerns, policies, services and research

b. Facilitate network building with all sectors at all levels regarding health

c. Collaborate with United Nations departments, bodies, organizations and agencies in order to promote improved health and well-being of all people

d. Convene meetings for the purpose of education and the exchange of views on issues concerned with health.

ii. Clarification of Terminology in By-laws

The organization's aims and purposes remain the same. However, since "Committee" was a word in our title, the reading and implementation of the by-laws became confusing when "the Committee" was indicated to mean the Executive Committee. Internally, we adopted the label of Executive Board for "Executive Committee". Externally, it is also shown on our application blank.

Part II Contribution of the Organization to the Work of the United Nations

I a. Cooperation with United Nations bodies and/or specialized agencies in the field.

By 8 December 2003 we were invited by the deputy Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) at the United Nations to a first meeting of selected NGOs to discuss program areas of WHO-NGO mutual interest. The grouping became identified as the New York Network for WHO. The goal was to plan a series of events to be held in 2004. Meetings were held on 16 January, 13 May, 22 June, and 23 September of 2004 at which our chairperson participated with executive officers of the

American Association of Retired Persons, NGO Committee on Ageing, Global Alliance for Women's Health, NGO Committee on Mental Health, and World Information Transfer. The Deputy Director retired by the end of 2004. Then we were developing a prospective program on Patient-Centred Healthcare for 2006. Without a WHO deputy director the Network remains in our minds to be resumed.

I b. Initiatives in Support of Millennium Development Goals

Most of our programs bear on the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

Goal 4, Reduce child mortality; Goal 5, Improve maternal health; Goal 6, Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases, as follows;

"Issues in Effective Medical Management of HIV/AIDS", cosponsored with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in consultative relationship with the United Nations (CONGO)/NGO Committee on HIV/AIDS with presentations from a chair of Infectious Diseases, an academic Nurse experienced about the afflicted and a director of grants about supported programs abroad. United Nations headquarters, New York, 31 October 2007.

"What Are Missionaries Doing about Health?" in Africa, Asia and Latin America, presentation by the Executive Secretary/physician of the Health and Welfare of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church - World Council of Churches. United Nations headquarters, New York, 14 June 2007.

"Patient Centred Healthcare: Aligning Healthcare Systems with Patients' Needs" in collaboration with the International Alliance of Patients' Organizations our first all-day international event. United Nations headquarters, New York, 30 March 2007.

"Childbirth and Early Parenting Experiences of Some Physically Immobile Mothers", in partnership with United Nations Focal Point on the Family of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs as a parallel event at the 51st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women 26 February- 9 March 2007. A presentation by a doctoral candidate in Human Development reported on this, her dissertation research in progress. United Nations headquarters, New York, 27 February 2007.

"Disability and the Family: Focus on Children and Youth" in partnership with CONGO/NGO Committee on the Family and United Nations Focal Point on The Family (Department of Economic and Social Affairs) with presentations by a rehabilitation psychologist on brain injured youth and a clinical psychologist on medically impaired school children. United Nations headquarters, New York. 25 January 2007.

"Gender Specific Medicine" in partnership with Global Alliance for Women's Health – as a side event at the 50th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, (27 February-10 March 2007). The physician who founded this new medical specialty reported about it. United Nations Church Center, New York. 28 February 2006.

"Interdisciplinary Thoughts on Multicultural Factors in Pain Management" a panel of Nurse Practitioner, Neuro-psychologist and Neurologist who practice as a team reported. United Nations headquarters, New York, 2 February 2006.

"Maternal Morbidity and Mortality: Methods for Reducing Occurrences" presented by an Obstetrician/Gynecologist - Chair of Maternal/Fetal Medicine. Report was transcribed and distributed at the 49th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (28 February- 11 March 2005) and DPI/NGO Conferences and at our own International Conference on Patient-Centred Healthcare. United Nations headquarters, New York, 3 November 2005.

"Forging Links and Taking Action: Millennium Development Goals and the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing" interactive workshop of the 57th Annual DPI/NGO Conference in collaboration with the American Association of Retired Persons, American Psychological Association, International Council of Psychologists and International Federation on Ageing and the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. Our presenter spoke on "Best Practices in Reducing Stigma and Disparities in Health Care of Older Persons" United Nations headquarters, New York, 10 September 2004.

"When the 'Baby Blues' Strike" in partnership with Armenian International Women's Association, International Confederation of Midwives, National Council of Women of the United States as a side event at the 48th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004). The co-founder of a New York state-wide resource center for post-partum depression reported on her Long Island facility. United Nations headquarters, New York, 3 March 2004.

ii) **Activities in Support of Global Principles**

World Health Day "Selected Challenges to the Brain: Not for Seniors Only" .presentations by a neuropsychologist, an epidemiologist/statistician and a psychiatrist. United Nations headquarters, New York. 6 April 2006.

World Health Day "The MAAMA Kit Initiative: Impact on Maternal and Infant Health" presented by representatives of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and The Links, Inc. who reported on a WHO Project providing young expectant mothers in Uganda and Mozambique with sterile necessities for birth and care of the newborn. This event addressed MDGs #4, 5, 6 and 8 (develop a global partnership for development). United Nations headquarters, New York, 7 April 2005.

International Day of the Family "Family and Family Health" in partnership with the United Nations Focal Point on the Family (Department of Economic and Social Affairs). A psychologist reported on her research on fathering using four Latin American immigrant groups and a hospital social worker reported on his work with high school students. United Nations headquarters, New York, 9 June 2005.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities "Stigma and Disparities in Health Care: Older People" in cooperation with Global Action on Ageing. Two of our board members gave presentations which were then discussed by the Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing. United Nations headquarters, New York, 9 December 2004.

International Year of Freshwater "Access to Clean Water in Rural Honduras: Impact on Health of the Community" Physician board member gave a vivid account of his experience with the Honduras Ministry of Health providing access to clean water and sanitation, addressing MDG #4, 5, 6 and 7 (ensure environmental sustainability). United Nations headquarters, New York, May 2004.

Concluding Statement about Our Participation with Economic and Social Council

It is our goal to capture every opportunity to work with Economic and Social Council. Communications have improved but we probably missed many opportunities. The NGO Health Committee membership is totally volunteer, and it has operated with minimal funds, This NGO is constantly attempting to increase membership and effectiveness. We consider it an honor to be an Economic and Social Council NGO and would welcome an even closer relationship.